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Seek Permit to Relieve Shoyu Famine

Local Production Forseen If Appeal Fails

VANCOUVER, B. C. — Application to Ottawa to secure a special permit for the importation of "shoyu" or Japanese soy sauce, banned under the new budget orders of last week, was mde last Monday following a joint conference of the Canadian Japanese Association and the Japanese Merchants Association in Vancouver.

Although the import of a very large number of Japanese food products, regarded almost as basic necessities by Japanese residents, has been banned under the schedules of the Exchange Conservation Act, immediate action is being taken only in regard to "shoyu" because of its indispensable place as a necessity in the Japanese diet.

Merchants declared that the effect of the new orders would be particularly severe upon the Japanese community, but that in view of the war situation and the necessity of conserving Canada's foreign exchange no further immediate action was contemplated.

Four Months Supply

It was indicated that prior to Finance Minister J. L. Ilsley's new war budget, existing supplies of "shoyu" in Vancouver were sufficient normally to last for three or four months.

Merchants' fear, however, that a continued rush by the public to hoard the sauce will result in the rapid depletion of these supplies, with the result that the ordinary public will not be able to secure its regular needs.

R. Furukawa, secretary of the Merchants Association, stressed the need for the public not to hoard "shoyu" but to use the product just as in normal times. An additional shipment is already on its way to Canada, and will be sufficient to last another three or four months. Retail price of this supply will be higher because of an increase in the export

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weekly whirligig

By K. W.

Justification of Policy . . . Four months ago a trio of second generation representatives from the Japanese Canadian Citizens League visited the City Hall to answer charges made by Alderman H. D. Wilson against the loyalty and Canadianism of Japanese Canadians.

At that time Alderman Wilson called the change of our delegates that political ambitions prompted him in his persistent campaign against Orientals. His only answer at that time though, and one that raised a laugh from observers, was that he felt the public actually disapproved of his activity because he had failed to receive public support in the election last spring.

His triumph in Thursday's elections seems to have made him change his mind, for he has read into it a justification of his policy. We think, if anything, his triumph is proof of his political craft as well as evidence to show that the familiar path of Oriental baiting is still a tried and true method for aspiring young politicians to go up the ladder.

Our hope is that Mr. Wilson will have graduated now from that particular stage and concentrate his energies upon either a constructive solution of the Oriental question or upon issues of far greater importance to all of us.

Salute to Branca . . . Personally we think the orchids in the campaign should go to Angelo E. Branca, brilliant Canadian-born Italian lawyer, who sought re-election as a Park Commissioner. Two years ago he ran on the "non-partisan" slate and was successful. This year the "Non-Partisan" party or the anti-C.C.F. declined to give their support for re-election. He took the challenge, ran as an independent on his own hook, and trailed in a miserable last.

His showing indicates how impossibly confused the mind of the average Canadian is concerned, as to the relationship between the international situation and internal politics. And we think the election was a rather sorry and shady reflection upon the sincerity and integrity of the "Non-Partisan" organization.

Chinese Press . . . Down in San Francisco last week, the first issue of the "California Chinese Press" was born—an All-English, 8 page tabloid, in which editor Charles Leong wrote:

"The Chinese in California, 30,000 of them, have long felt a need for a newspaper which would act as a voice for the group—a voice to [illegible] their beliefs, ideas and ideals, [illegible] to express their convictions, [illegible] social, economic and political thinking. The language of the California Chinese today is the language of their fellow Americans, and therefore their voice should also be in English."

We wish them luck and inspiration knowing they'll need plenty of.

. . . And now we're looking forward to the first issue of the "B. C. Chinese Press" if and when it [illegible] comes to be.

On The Newsfront

Canadian Japanese Ass'n To Hold Annual Meeting

VANCOUVER — January 24-5 were named as dates for the 32nd annual meeting of the Canadian Japanese Association at a meeting of the executive Tuesday night at the Nippon Club.

Annual elections will be directed by the committee composed of R. Ide, S. Sasaki, M. Yanagisawa, G. Nakayama and T. Takeuchi.

Fairview Youth Killed In Sawmill Accident

VANCOUVER—Death struck with tragic suddenness into a Fairview home early this week, when Yoshiro Kaneko, 22, eldest son of Mrs. Y. Kaneko, 2208 Columbia St., was instantly killed at the B. C. Fir Mills on False Creek. The youth died from injuries inflicted when his clothing became tangled in machinery, and he was thrown around a spinning shaft.

A graduate of Vancouver Technical School, young Kaneko was well known as one of the keenest of Nisei fishermen.

Washington Nisei Confer On Agricultural Problems

SEATTLE — Some 200 Nisei youths from agricultural districts of the North-west are expected to assemble in this city December 14 for the 2nd Annual Agricultural Conference. Many leading American experts will assist in the program for the conference.

F.B.I. Investigates Japanese Groups

PORTLAND—Federal Bureau of Investigation agents questioned Howard Nomura, Portland JACL president, here last week regarding various Japanese organizations including the Japanese Association and the Kenjinkais.

Wilson Attributes Triumph To Anti-Oriental Policy

VANCOUVER — Heading the aldermanic poll, Alderman Halford D. Wilson was returned to office Thursday in Vancouver's civic elections. He said his triumph was a justification of his policy and that he was gratified with that konwledge.

Military Band To Appear In Nisei Talent Review

VANCOUVER, B. C.—The 32-piece Nisei Military Band, organized last year under the leadership of Dick Nishino, will bow in before the public for the first time next January 18. The occasion will be the "Nisei Talent Revue," sponsored by the Vancouver JCCL for the purpose of raising funds to establish a rest home for tuberculosis convalescents in th community.

A gratifying list of young singers have already lent their support to the amateur contest which promises to be the novel attraction of the concert. Program Chairman Cecil Okawara said that over ten singers, including one Occidental, have already submitted entries, and many more prospects are in sight.

All amateur singers wishing to try their voices in public are urged to send in their names as soon as possible to Mr. Okawara, Nimi Shokai, or any executive o fthe Vancouver J.C. C.L.

Change In Judging

A change in the system of judging, whereby competent judges will be added to the applause meter as a means of determining the winners is planned. This change will be made in fairness to contestants from out-of-Vancouver points.

Novel effects in properties and lighting are being planned to make the concert outstanding: and a strong supporting program of well-known accomplished artists is being arranged.

Alderman Praises Work of Mum Society

A future holding "more good fellowship, better friendship, and full citizenship" was forecast by Alderman Charles Jones at an informal Chinese dinner with which the Kokonoe Kai brought to a close its tenth anniversary activities at the Nippon Club last Saturday.

Declaring that in a society like the Kokonoe Kai all meet on common grounds, have a common object—that of furthering "things we all love"—the guest speaker declared that the organization had done much to make the chrysanthemum the floral queen of Vancouver.

He attributed the phenomenal interest in the chysanthemum to the fact that it is not the pet flower of just professionals but of the rank amateur for the simple reason that it responds to understanding treatment.

Among others speaking were Mr. Noble of the New Westminster mum society and Rev. K. Shimizu.

Canadian Democracy In Action Or Otherwise

(From the Vancouver News-Herald)

"A good mayor" was the choice of Iwaichi Sugiyama, the only Japanese to cast a vote in Vancouver's civic election Wednesday.

But with due respect for the secret ballot, he would not reveal who his "good mayor" choice was when he dropped his marked ballot into the sealed box at the Swedish Community Hall, at 11 a.m., Wednesday.

Instead he spoke up for his people's right to vote in Canadian elections. "We are good taxpayers and citizens", said the man who had just cast his first ballot in Canada, although a resident here for 25 years. "This is very good", he continued, indicating the ballot box. "We work hard, pay our taxes and do our part for the country. We like to have a good mayor."

Mr. Sugiyama marked the city's only Oriental ballot as president of the Burrard Fish Company, a post he had held for 15 years, under a special city charter ruling regarding the eligibility of companies to vote.

It was not an exciting adventure, but one of great symbolic importance, he confessed, renewing his pleas for his fellow-countrymen.

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Effect Of The War

THE Canadian Youth Congress has launched a national campaign to study the effects of war-time conditions on Canadian youth and the Canadian people. It will appeal to youth groups throughout the nation, "in every endeavour, of every belief, or of every race" to analyze what is going on in Canada.

The ultimate purpose of the campaign is to co-ordinate the findings of the various groups at a National Youth Hearing next spring, to draft recommendations for submission to the government, stressing the vital need for the preservation and improvement of Canadian democracy, for the safeguarding of the people against war profiteering and exploitation, for the adjustment of the gap between rising costs of living and fixed wage levels.

Here is an excellent opportunity for member chapters of the Japanese Canadian Citizens League to conduct some much-needed research into their own employment conditions, and to bring a knowledge of some of their problems before a large section of public opinion in Canada.

Such a survey may bring to light some suggestions for an employment problem which faces more and more Nisei, and which promises to reach a critical stage at the end of the war. The information gained will be useful and valuable as a guide for our action, both individual and collective, and as a revelation to many Canadians of the truth about the second generation.

Here is work for the J.C.C.L. and other Nisei organizations that is at once urgent, important, and essentially practical.

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THIS editorial is addressed at this time to every Nisei and every Nisciette in the Province who has cherished secret or serious ambitions to display his or her vocal talents in the public theatre.

Your opportunity to realize those ambitions is offered you in the "Nisei Talent Revue", a benefit concert to be held in Vancouver in a few weeks time, which will feature for the first time in local history an amateur contest for Nisei singers.

Yet this Revue will be more than an opportunity for you to warble in public to an attentive audience. It will be an opportunity to you to give your support to a community project which has long been felt to be overdue. The proceeds of the concert are to be used to begin a fund devoted to the establishment of a home where young people convalescing from tuberculosis will have the chance to regain their strength and brush up their mental attitudes before seeking to make their way in the world again.

There will be, we are sure, no hesitation on your part to lending your talent to a project as worthwhile as this.

"Belt-Tightening"

"BELT-TIGHTENING" is the popular and necessary slogan of the people in the greater part of the civilized or uncivilized world today, and the Japanese community in British Columbia is beginning to experience its share in no uncertain terms.

Finance Minister J. L. Isley's new war budget has made it very much clearer and more vivid than ever before. It is a serious blow to the economic welfare of the Japanese community, never very happy even in the most prosperous of times. The public will suffer because of the ban placed upon the import of a myriad number of consumption goods, regarded almost as basic necessities among Canadians of Japanese origin. The whole community, too, will feel the repercussions of the shock to business implicit in the curtailment of imports.

On the other hand, the Japanese community for the most part is scarcely being touched by the industrial war boom in Canada, which even now is setting an all-time record for industrial activity and production. Nor have we in the community any considerable number of salaried workers, such as government employees, whose income is very slow to change either one way or the other, and which may cushion the effects of these blows to the community as a whole.

Nevertheless there is an evident spirit among merchants and public alike to accept the situation as cheerfully and quietly as possible, a spirit which recognizes that the normal conduct of business and the acceptance of necessary sacrifice is the greatest contribution we can make to ultimate victory.

One thing we can do to make it easier for all of us is to get together in business at least, and lend each other all the support we possibly can. Joint co-operative enterprise and a spirit of mutual helpfulness in all our business and social activities will ease the strain of "belt-tightening" all the way around.

This my Window

THE state capital is draped in mourning. From stately government buildings to the little "oden-ya," black crepe is hung, in memory of those who died to build Manchoukuo to its present stage of progress. Over the Kwantung army headquarters flies the rising sun flag at half-mast. For today is the monthly day of mourning.

The majority of stores will be closed and an air of quiet will pervade all office buildings—yet on the other hand, the day is not without its ironic inconsistencies. Soon, long before the time that they are usually astir, the cafes will disgorge their quota of waitresses, sallow of complexion, bleared of eyes. Soon, the numerous geisha houses will vomit out their bevy of butterflies, seeking the freshness of the summer park, while from the very bowels of the city's life, filles de joie of every shade and character will stroll forth upon the sunbathed streets.

The irony of this day, set aside for mourning of the valiant dead becoming the only day of release for these creatures of the demi-monde, borders on the pathetic. For a whole month, they have existed pent up—living the best part of their lives by the yellow light of electric bulbs, only emerging by late afternoon to get a wisp of fresh air, before another sundown and another night of forced gaiety.

And now they emerge chattering as they pass in droshki, bantering words from rickshaw to rickshaw — to the park, to the movies, to the department stores and some to the shrine and to the war memorial.

And you will see her all day. She will be loudly dressed, gaudily painted, strolling or riding, exulting in the stir that she is causing.

Or you will find the odd one, shameful of the life she leads, masquerading as chaste matron or innocent maiden. No heavy rouge, or lip-stick, nor heavy coat of powder will she have. But the tell-tale mark of jaundiced skin, hard lines about the mouth and dead fatigue weighing her limbs will betray her.

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—Margaret Ridgway,
(Nisei Christian Fellowship)
Vancouver.

Happier Reading

Editor, The New Canadian—Dear Sir: Please renew my subscription for another year and accept my wishes for continued success.

I enjoy reading The New Canadian, especially some of the regular features from week to week. David Woodsworth's column on Powell Street in the last issue too, was very interesting, more so than the continual worrying about the vote and military service and so forth.

I'm all for happier reading about what we're doing, and how we appear to other people, so hope you will keep on giving us such features. The short accounts of American Nisei, too, are very enjoyable. I should like to see them more regularly.

—H. S.
City.

Mr. and Mrs. Littleman in London

LONDON.—Mr. and Mrs. Littleman of London, their children and in-laws, have a design for living this winter that is quite preposterous.

The most preposterous part of it is that it doesn't seem to be preposterous any more.

But to try to gloss over the trials of the Littlemans just because they have heroically resigned themselves to such "preposterous" conditions would be gross inaccuracy.

It would be an injustice to the intelligence of the Littlemans, for no free and civilized people would tolerate a continuation of such a way of life unless they considered, as the Littlemans do, that the cause for which they suffer so acutely is one of the great crusades of world history.

One has only to experience the now permanently stale air of some of the underground refuges to realize the atmosphere in which a large section of London sleeps night after night, and to realize, moreover, the degree of apprehension which must grip a large proportion of London's residents to make them return night after night to such surroundings.

Dislocation of everyday life in the bombed city is borne with a plucky smile, but the constant wear of vexing problems in sleeping, eating, traveling, shopping, and communicating with widely separated friends and relations puts an extra strain on the people.

Although most Britishers still sit down to good substantial meals, increasing additions to the list of foods which are or are considered non-essentials is providing housewives, especially those with slender purses with considerable problems. One by one, common-place items of even the humblest tables are disappearing or becoming scarce and expensive.

Nevertheless, any Briton would repudiate indignantly any suggestion he was not getting enough to eat. Likewise, when any member of the Littleman family tells you the story of his new wartime design of living he won't stress the unpleasant side. His own account of his activities probably will be typical British understatement.

Femme-Fare

By Cinderella

I'LL BE READY IN A MINUTE, DARLING!

It's one hectic rush these days what with Christmas just two weeks away. Wading through the Christmas crowd, shunted hither and yon by overenergetic Amazons at bargain counters, trod on, stamped on, bumped ... with your Christmas list no smaller than when you started out, ... only gives you that let-down, tired feeling. The prospect of Christ... special date holds no more allure than the hot water bottle which ... have chosen for practical Aunt Mary.

But it's a wise gal who knows how to look trim even in the maelstrom of rushing, frenzied humans; who can come home from work or shopping tour, and within a few minutes turn glamour girl.

You've only ten minutes before he presents himself at your door, and you're limper than a wet dish rag. Ten minutes to repair the ravages of a hectic day. The temptation is to dab on more powder over your old make-up, slap on more lipstick, run a comb through your hair and spend the rest of the time adjusting your hat in an effort to hide the flaws.

Little girl, here's a better plan. If you are really tired and rushed to death, give yourself three minutes lying down with your heels higher than your head—to make the blood flow back and refresh your brain and put the sparkle into your eyes. The seven remaining minutes is to be spent in thoroughly cleansing your face and re-powdering. That, my dear, is the minimum time for freshening up! I said "minimum," not "maximum!"

If you have half an hour! Good! Just relax ten minutes in a ... bath with your favorite scent. And your hair: If the stray ends persist in straying everywhere but where they should, don't make the mistake of dampening them unless your hair dries like lightning. Better turn them up dry. No, don't wear a cap. Let the vapours from the bath set the curls.

While the tap is running (and doesn't it take a long time to fill the tub especially when you're in a hurry!) dab cleansing cream over your face and let the steam open your pores. Now, in you go! While in the tub, pat on a skin tonic to close the pores.

Relax . . . relax . . . let the scent of gardenia flowers and the perfume of your favorite soap do the work of soothing your jangled nerves. A quick rub-down with lots of lather, a final sponge down with cool water—then out of the tub and into your clothes. And the last ten minutes for your hair and make-up.

And now look at yourself. Fresh as a daisy and smelling like a gardenia to meet your date with *"I'll be ready in a minute, darling!"*

A LESSON IN TACT

What is tact? Webster's Collegiate Dictionary says, "Tact implies delicate sympathetic perception, especially of what is fit, graceful, or considerate. . . ." Whee! definitions don't mean much to me, and this one on "tact" certainly didn't until I read of a certain negro bell-hop in a swank hotel, noted for his tact and his consideration for his customers. Asked what "tact" was, he grinned, scratched his curly black pate for a second and said: "I gors into de bathroom to change the towels, and finds a lady habing a bath. I close the door with 'Excuse me, suh!' *The 'excuse me' that was politeness; the 'suh,' that was tact.* Yowsah, that's tact."

And there's the classic example of tact as demonstrated by good old Abe Lincoln. One evening, in the great dining-room of the White House, honest Abe and his guest, a former country acquaintance of his Springfield, Illinois days, were at dinner. Ice cream was served after the main course. Abe's guest eyed the delicacy supiciously, jabbed his fork into it, and said: *"Abe, old boy, this puddin' am frozed!"* Without batting an eyelash, the President jabbed his dessert and called: *"Mary, this puddin' am frozed! Take it away!"*

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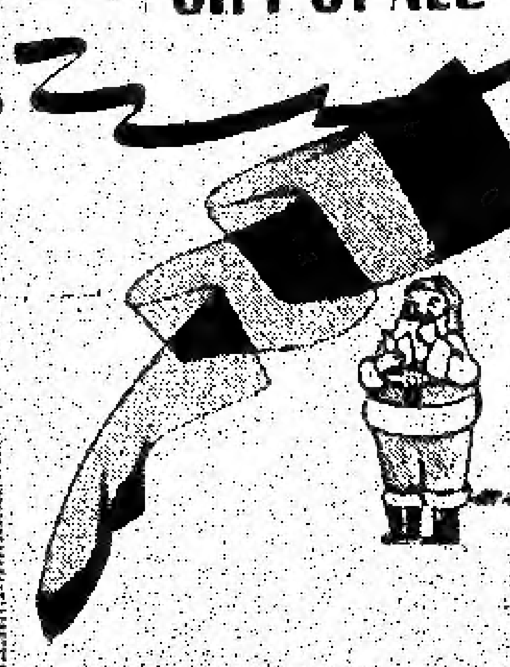

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The cost, by the way, is a miserable 50c for one heartbeat, and 75c for the other.

It's whispered over the tea cups, in passing, that some of the glamorous evening gowns will make your eyes pop; and said in other quarters that there'll be more than only the doorman decked out in a dinner jacket.

RED CROSS News Notes

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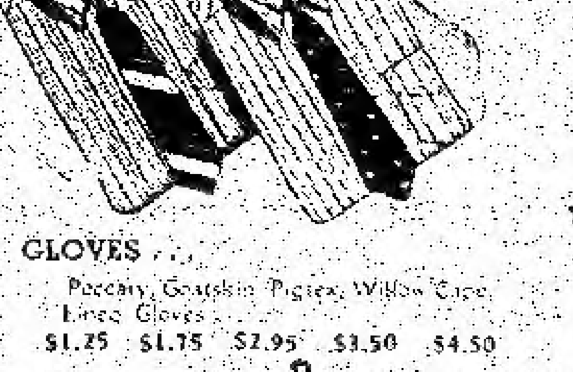

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TOWN TOPICS

Wedding Match

At a quiet late afternoon wedding at the Steveston United Church, Tamiko, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Okamoto exchanged marriage vows with Mr. Yeichi Kajai, son of Mr. and Mrs. K. Kajai.

The bride was a beautiful picture in white satin, full skirted gown, and a four inch veil bordered with sequins. Mrs. Toshiko Okamoto, her sister, and bridesmaid, was attired in floor length blue satin, while flower girls, Misses Y. Kanda and S. Furukawa were in ruby pink. Mr. Masajiro Motoda was the best man.

A reception immediately following the wedding was held at the Fuji.

Down The Bridal Path

Shibuya-Tanabe

A union of wide interest in Vancouver's Nisei circles was announced last Sunday at an engagement party at the Yoshino in the betrothal of Hisako, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kichihei Tanabe to Mr. Kiyoshi Harry Shibuya, only son of Mrs. S. Shibuya and the late Mr. Shibuya.

Active in Nisei work, Mr. Shibuya is a graduate of the University of British Columbia and also studied at the University of California. He is a former president of the Powell Y.P.S. Miss Tanabe returned recently from Japan, where she studied for some time.

Nakodos for the engagement were Dr. and Mrs. E. Miyake and Mr. and Mrs. T. Sato.

Kuwahara-Sasaki

Two cities share in the interest of the engagement of Keiko, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. Sasaki to Mr. Hiroshi Kuwahara, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Kuwahara of Calgary, Alberta.

Hamade-Morimoto

An engagement of special importance to the young people of Steveston is announced by Mr. and Mrs. Eichi Morimoto in the betrothal of their fourth daughter, Kiyoko, to Mr. Kazuji Hamade, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Unosuke Hamade.

Mr. and Mrs. U. Sakamoto were the baishakunins.

Y.P.S. Social

The annual Y.P.S. Yuletide Social will be held this year in the church hall of the Powell United Church, Saturday, January 4. The committee under the convenorship of Mary Sargusa promises an enjoyable program of fun and frolic for all.

Christmas Dance

The Basketball [illegible] the drawing in its celebrated "Turkey Draw" [illegible] period of the Sen[illegible] next Wednesday, December 18. Be sure to turn up at the [illegible] up one of the thirteen prizes [illegible] lucky thing!

Happyland Ahoy!

The last rolling skating party [illegible] 1940! And it's to be on the [illegible] floor of Happyland on Saturday evening, December 21, from 7:30 o'clock with fibre wheels for [illegible] and frolicking. Table Tennis Leaguers sponsoring the party claim it will be the merriest skating [illegible] of the season.

Post-Nuptial Tea

A popular Nisei couple recently wed, Mr. and Mrs. Fumio Komoto, (nee Kimi Sakurai) was host and hostess to a large number of friends at a post-nuptial tea last Sunday, December 8. Among the feminine guests were students of the Marietta School, where the hostess was enrolled prior to her marriage.

Obituary

Resident in Canada for over 33 years, Mrs. M. Ishiwara, wife of Dr. M. Ishiwara, 438 Cordova Street, passed away suddenly Thursday morning at the home of her daughter.

She leaves to mourn her passing besides her husband, her daughter, Mrs. H. Shimokura, one son, George, and two grandchildren.

A.Y.P.A. Acknowledgement

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Niseiette Players Score Comic Hits

More ambitious in nature than their debut performance early spring, the Nisei Players' fall presentation of three one-act plays was highly entertaining.

Although the players opened rather shakily with "Rehearsals" by the time the second play, "Joint Owners in Spain" was presented, they captured the interest of the audience, and completely won them over with the final "Between the Soup and the Savoury."

In view of the fact that "Between the Soup and the Savoury" was, from the point of drama technique, the most difficult play to present, the cast gave a surprisingly polished performance. Aki Hyodo gave a memorable, well-timed performance as the old Lancashire cook. In a difficult role which might easily have become a mere type character, she gave a consistent and mobile interpretation, always in character, shouldering the burden of dialect speech with complete naturalness. Koto Yatabe proved her versatility in her part of "Emily", the scullery maid, a role greatly different from the parts she has portrayed in former presentations. Frances Fukushima as the pert parlor-maid, competently made the most of a minor role.

The play "Joint Owners in Spain" drew hilarious response from the audience. Rose Castellani as the garrulous old maid and Eiko Hemmi as her sniffling weepy room-mate, both gave capable interpretations. The contrast in character was well brought out. The make-up in this play was exceptionally good.

Amy Okukawa, Hattie Kunitomo and Fusako Inose, in minor roles, showed promise.

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DECEMBER

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20—[illegible]

24—Christmas Ball, Peter Pan, [illegible] Orchestra, [illegible] per couple.

27—University of Washington vs. [illegible] Annual Debate.

28—International Basketball Game, Japanese Gym, 7.30.

JANUARY

1—Powell Y.P.S. Social.

18-19—Nisei Talent Review.

Pioneer Minister Honored At Banquet

Thirty years of devoted service and labour in ministering to the spiritual welfare of Japanese Canadians was given recognition last Monday at a public banquet, to the Rev. Yoshimitsu Akagawa, on the thirtieth anniversary of his term of missionary work in Canada.

Still active despite his long years of service, Rev. Akagawa, who now occupies the pulpit in the Fraser Valley Mission, first took up his work in New Westminster when he came from Japan in 1910. He studied for two years in Toronto since when he has performed ministerial duties in New Westminster, Vancouver and the Fraser Valley without a break.

While in Vancouver as pastor of the Japanese Methodist Church just after the war, he was largely responsible for the building of the Japanese gymnasium on Jackson Avenue. As pastor in New Westminster, he organized the Fraser Valley Church six years ago, and has since carried on its work.

Speeches of congratulation to Rev. Akagawa were heard at last Monday's banquet from Miss Florence Bird of the Women's Missionary Society, Rev. W. P. Bunt, Home Missions Board of the United Church, and Rev. T. Tatsu, Japanese Ministers Federation. Rev. K. Shimizu was chairman of the banquet, attended by over 150 guests.

"Shoyu"

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A Boy, A Girl . . . And a Park Bench

THE summer night was sweet with the scent of flowering jasmine blossoms. A cool breeze wafted through the lush, moon-drenched leaves.

A boy and a girl sat on a bench, partly drawn into the friendly darkness. They were alone.

"Miye," finally spoke the boy. The girl, who had such beautiful limpid eyes, drew a slender finger across the other's lips. "Hush, Haruo. Please don't say anything now. Everything is so quiet and peaceful. Let's not spoil it."

Silence intervened. From over the club house came the faint notes of a popular love song and the merry laughter of the others having the time of their lives. The bazaar was a huge success.

Haruo stirred nervously. And again he ventured clumsily.

"Miye, please listen, I brought you here away from the crowd to ask you something. You've got to listen." He gazed beseechingly into those beautiful eyes of Miye.

"All right, Haruo," was her reply. "What is it?"

"Miye, you know how I think of you as the most wonderful girl in the world . . . You're perfect . . . And—and—well, what I wanted to ask you was . . . ." Fidgeting with the buttons on his neatly-pressed suit, the boy stuttered nervously. A deep tinge of red enveloped his face.

"I know what you're going to ask me, Haruo. I'm sorry, awfully sorry that it had to happen like this, but—well, it just can't be, that's all . . . ."

Disappointment was framed in Haruo's eyes. Again and again he pleaded, but Miye refused gently but firmly.

Finally Haruo got to his feet and shambled back to the bazaar, a dejected miserable figure.

Back in the shadows, the girl he had left behind turned her virgin face to the soft glow of the moon and spoke:

"Otsuki-san, please forgive me for the unhappiness I have caused Haruo. I had to refuse him. Mother told me just before coming to the bazaar not to let him use more than a dollar. And even before the evening's over, this little brother of mine has spent his own money all on "osushi" and comes to me asking for fifty cents more . . . ."

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Capital City Set For Yuletide Social

Here you are folks—at last it's out!

'Tis the wish of the Special Social Committee to announce that the Annual Christmas Social and Dance of the Victoria Chapter of the Japanese Canadian Citizens' League will be held on Christmas night, December 25 from 9 p.m. till 1 a.m. at the K. of C. Hall, 902 Government Street, near the post office.

Come one, come all, come and dance to the music of Hughie Gray and his Bellboys—rhythm vendors par excellence!

Surprise! Surprise! The social convenors have planned, quote, "Something never before attempted in way of refreshments .... ? ? ?

Entertainment for all! Contests and prizes galore and the admission is only 50c.

Fishing Opens Again

Fishing in the Fraser was re-opened last Monday, December 9, after a week's closure. "Steelhead" is the pride of gill-netters now but this species of salmon is very scarce. However, "cohoes" and "chums" are still caught sparingly.

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Congratulations to Kishio Sasaki for his fine work at the recent fencing tournament at Vancouver. All the Riverside kendoists had only a few nights of practice before entering the tournament but they all performed very well. As usual, Kish was the most enthusiastic of them all and he deserved the honour of being second among all the kendoists of Canada at the tournament. Remember, he's only "ikkyu" ... Keep it up, "Kish"!

Wonder who was that "Oy... folk who twice said, "Oh, ... can't beat the fisherm... (once when our chairman w... the Oratorical Contest.)

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Air Training School Near Sunbury

The construction of the elementary training school of the British Empire Air Training ... Delta is on its way this week. The $210,000 contract wa... awarded to the Northern Con... struction Company and J. W. Stewart Ltd., both of Vancouver, by the Department of Munitions and Supply at Ottawa.

Eleven buildings, a double hangar and a 25-yard range of wood construction will be included in the work. It is expected that the work on the new field will be completed about March.

The Air School will be located about 4 miles south of Sunbury.

Bloedel Banner

This year, the annual Christmas shutdown at Bloedel will last from December 18 to January 6.

During the forthcoming breathing spell, the railway the pupils' annual Christmas School Concert rehearsals are underway.

A deer hunting expedition two weeks ago by your reporter and Roy Maars, with John James, formerly of Bloedel, resulted in a "one-spiker" for the party. We missed two big-horns in the foggy, high altitude of Lamb's Burn.

A recent fishing trip to the rocky shores of Seymour Narrows in his 12-foot indian dug-out proverd successful to C. A. That salt-sea air does wonders to one's appetite.

The Sea Bottom

These rocky shores of Seymour Narrows, 200 miles north of Victoria — how reminiscent they are of the rugged coastline of Japan. The salt sea air whistles through a stunted, crooked pine-tree, with twisted roots clinging to the yellow, moss-covered shore that slopes away into the sea. The under-sea bottom is a riot of colour—softly brown with sea-cucumber and kelp, vivid with the orange and purple and green of sea-eggs and star fish and marine growth, and sparkling and glistening white with shell fish. Is there such beauty in the gutter of Powell Street?

Surrey Sunshine

On Thursday, December 5, the annual meeting of the Surrey Young Men's Association was held for the election of officers with the following results.

George Ujiye was chosen as president; Tooru Nakamura, vice-president and Japanese secretary; Yoshio Sato, English secretary, and Ken Sunada treasurer.

Takeo Hirasawa and Masayoshi Imahoshi were chosen for the library committee, and Tom Yamasaki and Kiyo Nakamura, sports convenors.

The S.Y.M.A. looks forward with high hopes for another successful year of activity.

Roller Party Success

That much anticipated evening has come and gone—only sweet memories remain to the many that flocked to the Grand Roller Social at the Milner Hall, sponsored by the Surrey Y. M. A.

Beneath lowered lights, couples and trios skated on flying wheels over a polished floor; and when the hour of eleven struck, everyone was reluctant to give up their skates.

steel will be "picked up" from the present 1000-foot logging trestle and "spiked" down on the new site alongside.

—Sponsored by the Bloedel Women's Social Club and directed by Miss E. Fawcett.

Coffee and refreshments were served by the girls and the very enjoyable party was brought to a close.

The S.Y.M.A. wishes to thank the many friends from far and near for their hearty support. They also wish to thank the Girls' Club for assisting with the refreshments.

Thanks are extended, too, to the Misses Erma and Hilda Watanabe for their kind donation of $1.00 and to Mr. George Nishioka for his kind donation of $2.00.—Y. F. S.

Surrey Girls' Bazaar Great Success

On December 6, the Canadian Japanese Girls' Club's Fifth Annual bazaar was opened by Mrs. W. E. Carbutt.

Miss T. Sato extended thanks to our Canadian friends for coming out in the drizzling rain to show such neighborliness. Miss Y. Yasui spoke in Japanese to the Japanese women.

The raffle prizes were donated by Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Carbutt for which the club extends its sincere thanks.

We wish to thank, through the medium of this column, all those who gave their whole-hearted support in making our bazaar such a great success.

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Girls Doing Their Stuff For a Good Cause

It look as if the Strathcona bird-busters are just too good for any opposition on the Nipponese home courts. To date they have lost only one game, and that on a strange court.

Showing too much class the Japanese all-star aggregation of shuttlers added another feather to their corporate hat and qualified themselves as championship contenders in their first year of city participation when they whipped out a 13-3 triumph over Grace United last Monday at the Strathcona gym.

For the first time, the girls showed some fight and split their games with the Grace United ladies, while the men extended their unblemished record of no defeats by winning all their games.

The men's doubles teams were at their full strength last Monday, Michi Ashikawa and loose-limbed Shig Okumura pairing up and greeting the visitors with a barrage of smashes which completely baffled them.

"Mat" Matsui and Johnny Tanaka comprised the second Nippon duo which effectively blasted out a brace of wins for the local club.

Mixed Duos Hot

The mixed duos fared much better than usual and suffered only one setback. Michi Ashikawa and Hide Hyodo bowed out to McNeill-Westcott, 15-7 for the only loss. Mixed crews, Shig Okumura-Lucy Koyanagi, Johnny Tanaka-Mary Saegusa, Yoshio Matsui-Pat Kawajiri proved invincible and took all their sets at a leisurely pace.

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MEN'S DOUBLES

Okumura-Ashikawa bt. Westcott-Bowering (27-5), and Rose-McNeill (21-7); Tanaka-Matsui bt. Rose-McNeill (21-13), and Westcott-Bowering (21-18).

LADIES DOUBLES

H. Hyodo-M. Saegusa bt. Bowering-Voitkevle (15-7); P. Kawajiri-L. Koyanagi bt. Bowering-Voitkevle (15-7); McNeill-Hutton bt. H. Hyodo-M. Saegusa (15-5), and P. Kawajiri-L. Koyanagi (15-10).

MIXED DOUBLES

Okumura-Koyanagi bt. McNeill-Westcott (15-7), and Bowering-Voitkevee (15-7); Ashikawa-H. Hyodo bt. Bowering-Voitkevle (17-11); McNeill-Westcott bt. Ashikawa-H. Hyodo (15-7); Tanaka-Saegusa bt. Bowering-McNeill (15-12), and Rose-Hutton (15-7); Y. Matsui-P. Kawajiri bt. McNeill-Bowering (15-9), Rose-Hutton (15-11).

SKI TRAILS

Six skiers hiked laboriously to the usual Dam Mountain course in last Sunday's bright June-like sunshine while Sam and Ray stayed behind to tidy up the cabin.

Although the heavy rainfall the previous evening plus the cold freezing weather left the snow frozen and crusty, the slalom course was soon in A-1 condition (fast and coarse). With Slim Uyenaka acting as timekeeper and "Bus" Ohori breaking trail and setting the course the energetic plankers held their second practice race of the season.

In the three trial runs the results were as follows:

Hatanaka; 17 s., 15 s., 13.2.
Hagino; 13.2 s., 13 s., Disq.
Shimizu; 15 s., 13.2 s., Disq.
Bob Yasui; 14 s., Disq., Disq.
Bill Yasui; 17 s., Disq., Disq.

Readers are again reminded of the Fuji Ski Slub Badge Contest which was postponed. The new deadline has been fixed as December 20, so hustle up and get busy right now. With Christmas coming on fast, a crisp $5.00 bill in somebody's purse should prove quite handy.

Busy Beavers Shock Sleeping Citizens With 10-Point Rally

After being outclassed through most of the evening's play, the Tuxis Beavers, garnering five beautiful field baskets with minutes to go till the end of the game, came through with a sweet 34-31 victory over the JCCL quintette, in a Victoria Japanese Community basketball game played at the Centennial Gym last Thursday.

Holding the upper hand, 6-2 at the quarter, 14-8 at the half, 23-18 at the end of the third quarter, and a 31-34 advantage with half of the last quarter gone, the over-confident Citizen Leaguers were really caught flat-footed in the desperate last-minute rally staged with the Beavers sinking five baskets without an answer from the eventual losers.

Beavers—Terry Uyede 12, Yoh Shimizu 8, Hide Ioi 10, Ken Kuwabara 4, T. Hasegawa, K. Takahashi—34.

JCCL—[illegible] Shimizu 12, [illegible] Kondo [illegible], Sty Ioi 3, Muneo Kawasoe 4, Stom Shimizu 2, Mags Okamoto [illegible]—31.

Tuxis Trim Yehudis: Mikados Drop Debut To Monarch Juniors

In the featured junior game of the week, Powell Tuxis remained undefeated by holding the high-scoring Yehudis to 23 points while they themselves, behind the steady, accurate sniping of Hyodo and Sunahara, chalked up 28.

East End Monarchs spoiled Mikados' debut as they came from behind to set back the Fairview lads, 30-25.

Yehudis, sparked by Kiyoshi Maikawa, took the lead for the first time in the third quarter when they piled up 12 points, but their lead was only momentarily when they were held to nil in the final canto, while young Hyodo swished in three quickies to put the game on ice.

Mikados started off briskly on a fast pace and seemed headed for a win, but their scoring punch failed them in the last half and they failed to reply to the steady sniping Monarchs.

Miike & Co. Shooting For Int. Cup

Nomads Check Monarchs to Standstill

Playing one of the tightest checking games of the year, the usually smooth-working East End Monarchs went all to pieces and fizzled out as Nomads under the constant barking of Manager Joe Akiyama from the bench stuck to their checks like suction pads to take the tussle in an all-time low score game of 20-14.

Muneo Miike's Marpole quintette is just too good for their loop. That was certain last Tuesday night when they relentlessly massacred the helpless boat-building Nippatsus, 45-11. Sub and Jinx Miike heaped up 15 and 14 points respectively to their individual scoring honors.

Monarchs tried desperately to break through the formidable Nomad defence, but they just failed to click. The whole East End team suffered a very acute case of fumble-itis and fumbled every chance they had in the open.

Nippatsus lacked scoring punch. They just didn't have anyone to reply to the steady sniping Miike brothers. It looks very much as if the strong Marpole five is going to finish way ahead of the pack for the championship of the intermediate loop.

Marpole—Fukumoto (5), S. Miike (15), Y. Fujioka (6), Koyanagi (2), J. Miike (14), Nakagawa—45.

Nippatsu—[illegible] (7), Fujiwara, Ogasawara, Morita, Saito, Kutsukake (1), Yamashita (3)—11.

Monarchs—Miyazaki, T. Tokawa (5), Michida (2), N. Tokawa (5), Inose, Takeda, J. Tokawa—14.

Nomads—Nishimura (7), Maikawa, Natsuhara, Akiyama (2), Tabata, Ozaki (4), Fukui, Mitsui (7)—20.

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Ashikawa Robs Fighting All-Stars

Blubelles Ring Up Victory Over Silver 7

By golly they're going to do it yet! The intermediate all-stars made a fighting bid to hand Harry's a major upset, but their gameness was not sufficient a reply to Shig Ashikawa's brilliant sniping as the league leaders hitched another victory to their win belt by a slim margin of a single point 25-24.

The intermediate melon-marvels had the spectators fairly shouting with delight and amusement as they set a hectic pace in the short fast-passing tussle. Scoring point for point the youngsters managed to stay one jump ahead of the seniors, but in the dying minutes Shig Ashikawa intercepted a fumble by guard Mush Fukumoto and scooped it in for the winning basket.

Shig Ashikawa, always dependable for a double figure total, sank 16 points for the winners while Toru Tokawa and Sub. Miike swished in 8 and 7 points respectively for the Rep team.

Ernies rang up their second win in four starts by winning over the off and on Steveston quintette in a fast-breaking tussle 29-22.

Trailing at the end of the 1st half, Ernie's power-housed their efforts and breezed ahead on Kiyoshi Suga's constant sniping. Suga played for the hoop at evrey chance and rang up 14 points to top the intermediate scorers for the evening. Tricky K. Ichino rang up 8 points for the losing Steveston squad.

In the hither dash, thither dash, girls' scrimmage, Ken Fujioka's Blubelles made good their second appearance on the maple floor and hit the win column by virtue of a victory over the white shirted Silver 7's, 20-15.

Harry's—Ashikawa (16), Onishi (2), Akiyagi (5), Yamakawa, Wakabayashi, Hashimoto (2)—25.

All-Stars—Takata, J. Miike (5), T. Tokawa (8), Shimizu, Suga (4), S. Miike (7)—24.

Ernies — Umakoshi, Ayai (2), Shimoda (8), Sato, Nakamura, Suga (14), Tanaka (4)—29.

Steveston—Ichino (8), J. Mukai (3), K. Mukai (6), D. Naruse (1), K. Naruse (2), [illegible] Matsuda, Miyashita, [illegible]—22.

Silver 7—Y. [illegible] (3), K. [illegible], S. Karaguchi (8), K. [illegible], Yanagisawa, [illegible] (2), M. Akiyama (2)—15.

Blubelles—[illegible], M. Kusa[illegible] (1), [illegible] (5), [illegible] Kawa[illegible] (4), [illegible], M. Yoshi[illegible] (2)—20.

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Midst the shrieking, shouting crowd of local high school supporters, the visiting Ernie and Margolie quintettes went down to double defeat at the hands of the Mission Japanese and the Mission High School teams last Saturday night.

The city squads became completely lost on the huge floor and confused by the unusually "live" backboard, they just couldn't dish out their best brand of ball.

It's high time something was done about this gym situation, otherwise the calibre of the Japanese Basketball League will advance no further. Here we have in Vancouver the largest organized Japanese Basketball League in all Canada and quite possibly we have participating in it the best Nipponese hoop artists—if only they were given the chance.

So accustomed are they to play in the cramped-up space of the out-of-date gym, that when they get on a big floor they just flounder around like lost pups.

Something must be done, real soon too, or else every time the Vancouver teams goes visiting it'll be the same old story, "We were lost on the big floor!"

Cagette league games will be called off next Tuesday in order to concentrate on the special girls' rule. All girls are urged to be out on time at 9 p.m. next Tuesday.

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